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MUMBAI TRANS HARBOUR SEA LINK PROJECT
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any request from Government of Maharashtra regarding Mumbai Trans Harbour Sea Link Project;

(b) if so, whether Mumbai Port Trust has given NOC for the same;

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard; and

(d) the details of the present status of the project?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) & (d) According to the Mumbai Port Trust (MbPT), the proposed alignment of Mumbai Trans Harbour Sea Link (MTHL) would adversely affect their old Pir Pau Pier operations and navigational channel at Pir Pau. The MbPT has conveyed to the Government of Maharashtra that a bridge project with fresh alignment ensuring continued use of old Pir Pau Berth, new chemical berth, relocated explosive anchorage and permitting construction and operation of proposed coal and second chemical berth already planned in the Pir Pau area could be examined if found technically feasible. The Ministry of Shipping has also conveyed the concerns of the MbPT to the Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation Limited (MSRDC) in September, 2000. MbPT and MSRDC are in touch with each other with a view to arriving at a mutually agreed solution in the matter.